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REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending. Amendments have been made to overcome an objection to the specification and to further distinguish the pending claims over the cited art. Reconsideration is requested.

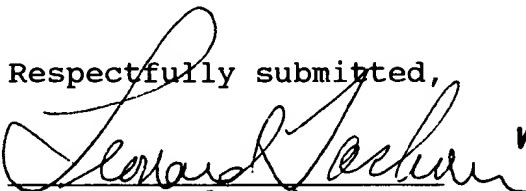
REJECTIONS ON PRIOR ART

U.S. Patent No. 531 to Levine discloses the use of a pair of brackets each having a unitary pair of slot columns to support an electric motor or the like using securing hardware. Applicants' claims all relate to use of a single cantilever mounting apparatus from which an electric motor operated device is hung without requiring securing hardware. Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to specify two pairs of slot columns each pair having columns spaced apart by equal distances. This feature provides selective positioning not shown or disclosed in Levine. Moreover, claims 1, 6, 9 and 12 have been amended to specify the cantilevered feature of the invention. This feature is highly advantageous over Levine who requires two brackets to support an electric apparatus. Applicants' unique cantilevered configuration permits the electric apparatus to be supported over the base portion of the stand in a manner which obviates the need for a second mounting stand as taught by Levine. Applicants' invention thus provides easier assembly and installation.

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Based upon the foregoing, it should be evident that the pending claims recite inventive elements which are clearly advantageous in comparison to the art of record. Accordingly, pending claims 1-13 appear to be in condition for an early allowance and such an allowance is earnestly solicited.

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